Wilmington July 19th 1880

My Dear Dr. Gray,

I have received the parcel and selected from it such plants as I need and have packed the remainder to send to Phila. I am truly obliged for them as nearly all were new to me and if somewhat rough they get well represented the species.

We are all as well as usual & rejoicing that we are over the "hot spell" and can enjoy the present lovely weather. Thanks for your invitation in respect to the Am. Association. I shall probably be unable to get away from home this summer and it will be best therefore for me to decline - though it is always hard to decline anything connected

with Boston or Cambridge.

Has Scudder told you his make story and given in his experience in the matter of having been dosed? If not I must send you his letter. I suppose his new sets of forms & may have reached you. He tells me "to S" is for me and desires me to accept it as a present. He ought not to do this but I must respect his feelings - but if there is anything that I can do for him that you can suggest I shall be glad.

What has become of Vol II Botany of Cal? - and Mr. Watson?

My wife joins me in kindest regards to you & yours.

Ever truly yours